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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)

Focke, H., et al.)

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Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: Process and Apparatus for)
Producing Hinge-Lid Boxes)
For Cigarettes)

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Eugene Kim

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Sir:

The Office Action from Patent Examiner Eugene Kim mailed on October 3, 2003, has been received and reviewed. Applicant provides the following remarks in response.

REMARKS

By the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2003, the Examiner states Claims 10-14, 29-31, 36-39 and 45-51 are pending in the application. The Examiner has stated the claims comprise three (3) separate groups of inventions and has required an election for prosecution.

Group I contains Claims 10-14 and 29-31, drawn to a process for producing a dimensionally stable pack, classified in class 493, subclass 151; Group II contains Claims 36-39, drawn to a process for folding and sealing an outer wrapper, classified in class